

## 2.A OASDI: Benefit Types and Levels

Table 2.A21.—Monthly benefits for spouses and children of retired and disabled workers

Act	Type of benefit	Age	Percent of PIA	Condition or qualification
1939.....	Wife	65 or older	50	<i>Fully insured.</i>
1956.....		62-64	...	Reduced 25/ 36 of 1% for each month under age 65.
1967.....		...	...	Maximum \$105.00.
1969.....		...	...	Maximum eliminated.
1977.....		...	...	Reduced by full amount of pension payable based on own earnings in noncovered governmental employment (noncovered pension offset). Reduction does not apply if eligible for such pension before December 1982.
1983.....		...	...	Noncovered pension offset not applicable if first eligible for such pension before July 1983 and dependent. Reduced by only two-thirds of such pension if first eligible for it after June 1983.
		65 and 2 months-67	...	Beginning in year 2000, the age at which 50% of PIA is payable will be gradually increased (See Retired-Worker age).
		62-66	...	Reduced 25/ 36 of 1% for each of the first 36 months under the age at which 50% of PIA is payable, plus 5/ 12 of 1% for each of up to 24 earlier months of benefit receipt.
1984.....		...	...	Noncovered pension offset limited to two-thirds of such pension.
1965.....	Divorced wife	65 or older	50	<i>Fully insured.</i> Dependent. Married 20 years. Not counted toward family maximum.
		62-64	...	Reduced 25/ 36 of 1% for each month under age 65.
1967.....		...	...	Maximum \$105.00.
1969.....		...	...	Maximum eliminated.
1972b.....		...	...	Dependency requirement eliminated.
1977.....		...	...	Married 10 years.
		...	...	Reduced by full amount of pension payable based on own earnings in noncovered governmental employment (noncovered pension offset). Reduction does not apply if eligible for such pension before December 1982 and married 20 years.
1983.....		...	...	Noncovered pension offset not applicable if first eligible for such pension before July 1983 and dependent. Reduced by only two-thirds of such pension if first eligible for it after June 1983.
		...	...	Can be independently entitled to benefits if divorced for 2 years or more (after marriage of 10 or more years) and worker could be entitled to benefits if he applied. Effective with benefits for months after December 1984.
		65 and 2 months-67	...	Beginning in year 2000, the age at which 50% of PIA is payable will be gradually increased (see Retired-Worker age).
	Wife (mother)	62-66	...	Reduced 25/ 36 of 1% for each of the first 36 months under the age at which 50% of PIA is payable, plus 5/ 12 of 1% for each of up to 24 earlier months of benefit receipt.
1984.....		...	...	Noncovered pension offset limited to two-thirds of such pension.
1950.....		Under 65	50	<i>Fully insured.</i> Caring for eligible child.
1965.....		...	...	Eligible child excludes student aged 18-21.
1967.....		...	...	Maximum \$105.00.
1969.....		...	...	Maximum eliminated.
1977.....		...	...	Reduced by full amount of pension payable based on own earnings in noncovered governmental employment (noncovered pension offset). Reduction does not apply if eligible for such pension before December 1982.
1981a.....		...	...	Eligible child excludes nondisabled child aged 16-17.
1983.....		...	...	Noncovered pension offset not applicable if first eligible for such pension before July 1983 and dependent. Reduced by only two-thirds of such pension if first eligible for it after June 1983.
1984.....		...	...	Noncovered pension offset limited to two-thirds of such pension.
1939.....	Child	Under 18	50	<i>Fully insured.</i> <sup>1</sup> Student aged 16-17.
1946.....		...	...	Student requirement eliminated.
1965.....		18-21	...	Full-time student.
1972b.....		...	...	Benefits extended to end of quarter or semester in which 22nd birthday occurs while undergraduate student.
		...	...	Includes grandchild under certain circumstances.
1981a.....		18-22	...	Student category eliminated (to be phased out gradually for those entitled before May 1982), except for elementary or secondary school students under age 19.

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2.A21.—Monthly benefits for spouses and children of retired and disabled workers —*Continued*

Act	Type of benefit	Age	Percent of PIA	Condition or qualification
1956.....	Disabled child	18 or older	50	<i>Fully insured.</i> <sup>1</sup> Disabled before age 18.
1972b.....		...	...	Disabled before age 22.
		...	...	Includes grandchild under certain circumstances.
1950.....	Husband	65 or older	50	<i>Fully and currently insured.</i> Dependent.
1961.....		62-64	...	Reduced 25/ 36 of 1% for each month under age 65.
1967.....		...	...	<i>Currently insured</i> requirement eliminated. Maximum \$105.00.
1969.....		...	...	Maximum eliminated.
1977.....		...	...	Dependency requirement eliminated.
		...	...	Reduced by full amount of pension payable based on own earnings in noncovered governmental employment (noncovered pension offset). Reduction does not apply if eligible for such pension before December 1982 and dependent.
1983.....		...	...	Noncovered pension offset provision not applicable if first eligible for such pension before July 1983 and dependent. Reduced by only two-thirds of such pension if first eligible for it after June 1983.
		65 and 2 months-67	...	Beginning in year 2000, the age at which 50% of PIA is payable will be gradually increased (see Retired-Worker age).
		62-66	...	Reduced 25/ 36 of 1% for each of the first 36 months under the age at which 50% of PIA is payable, plus 5/ 12 of 1% for each of up to 24 earlier months of benefit receipt.
1984.....		...	...	Noncovered pension offset limited to two-thirds of such pension.
1977 <sup>2</sup> .....	Divorced husband	65 or older	50	<i>Fully insured.</i> Married 10 years. Not counted toward family maximum.
		62-64	...	Reduced 25/ 36 of 1% for each month under age 65.
1977.....		...	...	Reduced by full amount of pension payable based on own earnings in noncovered governmental employment (noncovered pension offset).
1983.....		...	...	Noncovered pension offset not applicable if first eligible for such pension before July 1983 and dependent. Reduced by only two-thirds of such pension if first eligible for it after June 1983.
		...	...	Can be independently entitled to benefits if divorced for 2 years or more (after marriage of 10 or more years) and worker could be entitled to benefits if she applied. Effective with benefits for months after December 1984.
		65 and 2 months-67	...	Beginning in year 2000, the age at which 50% of PIA is payable will be gradually increased (see Retired-Worker age).
		62-66	...	Reduced 25/ 36 of 1% for each of the first 36 months under the age at which 50% of PIA is payable, plus 5/ 12 of 1% for each of up to 24 earlier months of benefit receipt.
1984.....		...	...	Noncovered pension offset limited to two-thirds of such pension.
1978 <sup>3</sup> .....	Husband (father)	Under 65	50	<i>Fully insured.</i> Caring for eligible child. Reduced by full amount of pension payable based on own earnings in noncovered governmental employment (noncovered pension offset).
1981a.....		...	...	Eligible child excludes nondisabled child aged 16-17.
1983.....		...	...	Noncovered pension offset not applicable if first eligible for such pension before July 1983 and dependent. Reduced by only two-thirds of such pension if first eligible for it after June 1983.
1984.....		...	...	Noncovered pension offset limited to two-thirds of such pension.

<sup>1</sup> Under 1939 Act, generally not available to child of married female worker. Under 1950 Act, available if female worker is *fully and currently insured*; currently insured requirement eliminated by 1967 Act.

<sup>2</sup> Northern District of California District Court decision in *Oliver v. Califano*,

June 24, 1977. Statutory change enacted in 1983.

<sup>3</sup> Eastern District of Pennsylvania District Court decision in *Cooper v. Califano*, Dec. 29, 1978. Statutory change enacted in 1983.